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### **CALTRANS FINISHES HIGHWAY 41 PROJECT SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

**FRESNO** – Caltrans announced it has completed - six months ahead of schedule – a project that will improve traffic flow and safety for motorists entering southbound Highway 41 at Shields Avenue and McKinley Avenue. The \$2.5 million project was financed entirely by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

“The Recovery Act is paying for vital transportation projects all over California,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Investing in our infrastructure is strengthening our economy and creating jobs when we need them most.”

Caltrans installed three ramp-metering systems: one at McKinley Avenue, and the other two at Shields Avenue. The average daily traffic volume on Highway 41 at each of these locations is about 125,000 vehicles.

“Ramp meters regulate the flow of traffic entering a , enabling motorists to safely get on a freeway without clogging up traffic. These meters have proven to be successful in decreasing traffic congestion and improving safety,” said Acting Caltrans District 6 Director, Sharri-Bender Ehlert.

California has obligated nearly \$2.6 billion in Recovery Act funding to nearly 1,000 highway, local-street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act, please visit: [://www.dot.ca.gov/Recovery/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/Recovery/)

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